

Dr. Mow Shiah Lin

1941 – 2003



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Dr. Mow Shiah Lin was born June 18, 1941 in the Province of Kwong-Xi, Hsing-An County, China. As a child, his family moved to Taipei, Taiwan where he began his education. At the Tamkang University, Dr. Lin graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. In 1972, he came to the United States to attend the University of Wyoming where he earned his Doctorate degree in Chemistry. Three years later, Dr. Lin moved his family to Long Island, New York and began his appointment as a post-doc at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Over the years at BNL, he advanced to Senior Scientist, and, ultimately, to Principal Investigator. Throughout his career, Dr. Lin never lost sight of his passion for science. Dr. Lin owned 9 patents, published 85 papers, and won many national awards, including the 2001 R&D 100 award. In 2003, he was posthumously nominated for

the Lemelson, MIT life-time award.

In spite of his hectic schedule, Dr. Lin dedicated his time to mentor over 100 students, many who later earned Ph. D's, became doctors, or outstanding scientists. He had an industrious drive to educate others as well as to advance himself. In the 1980's, he returned to school to earn a Master's degree in Nuclear Engineering from Polytechnic University. Dr. Lin's drive to advance did not stop there. In 1998, he completed an MBA from Dowling College.

Dr. Lin had broad interests and hobbies. They included fishing, painting, hunting, jogging, planting fruit trees, and the culinary arts.

In 2003, Dr. Lin passed away suddenly from a brain aneurysm on September 13th while on a flight to Beijing, China. He was invited by the National Petroleum Research Institution in China to present his research, discuss collaborative efforts, and assist in the investigation of their oil fields.

With this scholarship, the Lin family hopes to make a difference for students who come to the United States, like Dr. Lin, to pursue a higher education and achieve their research goals with the purpose of making significant contributions to the environment and improving the lives for all humankind.